easily obtain it themselves or, failing it, move Government to procure the same for them. Publication of a specification, offering rewards, &c., are important matters which require consideration.

57. Necessity for allotting grounds for pasture and the growth of manure trees.

Mr. Mathevan Kesavan and Mr. Kanakku Mathevan Kesavan (Neyyattinkara), Mr. Kanakku Mathevan Mathevan (Nedumangad), Mr. A. Harihara Iyer (Chirayinkil) and Mr. K. C. Manman Mappillay, B. A , (Kottayam) requested the early attention of Government to this subject and pointed out that it was brought up at the last session of the Assembly.

Mr. Kanakku Mathevan Kesavan also suggested that a tax might be levied from persons availing themselves of these pasture grounds.

Mr. R. Nambi Iyer (Tovala) said that about 5 square miles of land for grazing purposes might be set apart in the Poigamalai, Veerapuly and Mahendragiri reserves and that a toll per head of foreign cattle entering them might be levied.

Mr. P. Nellayandar Pillai (Agastisvaram), Mr. Padmanabha Pillai and Mr. M Bhuthalingam Pillai (Eraniel), Mr. M. Madhavan Tampi (Kalkulam), Mr. S. Krishna Iyer, B. A., B. L., (T. I. C., Alleppey), Mr. N. Padmanabha Pillai and Mr. K. Kochu Thomman (Chengannur), Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer and Mr. Sattanathan Karayalan (Shencottah) and Mr. K. G. Sesha Iyer, B. A., B.L., (Central Association, Trivandrum) also advocated the urgent necessity for providing pasture grounds for cattle.

Reply.—This is an important question. When the village was under the administration of the community as a corporation, pasture grounds used to be invariably reserved by the villagers. Even now, in some parts of British India, lands for this purpose are set apart by villagers who hold them in common. Ordinarily, every ryot is expected to allot a portion of his land for the pasturage of his cattle. It is however natural that in many cases this may not be found feasible. Instructions have already been issued and some proposals are before Government. On receipt of replies from all the officers whose opinions have been invited, the whole matter will be considered and final orders passed.

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